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"3. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, concerning the Chairman's request and the Director's response relating to release of OSS documents concerning activities in Indochina. What the Committee would like to do (and it has been discussed rather extensively) is to publish certain of the documents that he has reviewed for the use of all scholars rather than to write a summary paper. I told him that we certainly would prefer that he write a summary paper since the release of the particular documents could well be the opening wedge for release of all OSS files. He agreed that the Committee understands that we are not in a position to set up a historical section for the release of documents but would hope that by publishing these particular documents it would eliminate questions on the subject since the material would be available to interested persons. It was agreed that as a first step he will come by and designate the documents that he feels would be most helpful for Committee reproduction. An appointment was made for 10:00 tomorrow morning, Wednesday, 27 September, for him to visit Headquarters.

Messrs. Colby and [] have been advised."

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"8. (Confidential - JGO) Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, met with Messrs. [] and reviewed the portion of the OSS files relating to the [] mission. He did not review any of the files relating to []. Since his review of the items selected from the [] files was necessarily sketchy, it was agreed that he will return to Headquarters at his first opportunity to review them in detail and refine his selection to minimize the number of documents to be reviewed for declassification.

Mr. Blum indicated that after identifying the specific [] mission documents for declassification, he would like to have them cleared but will have to delay any identification of the Indochina documents for declassification until the press of other work on his desk slackens."

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